

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

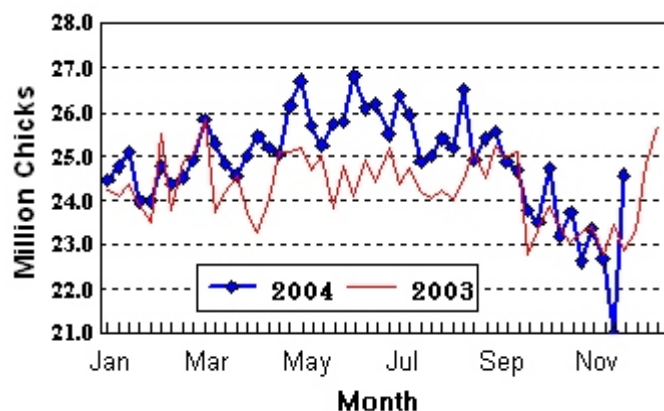
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending December 4, 2004. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 17 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 4, 2004 were 1.22 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.8 million, up fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 10 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

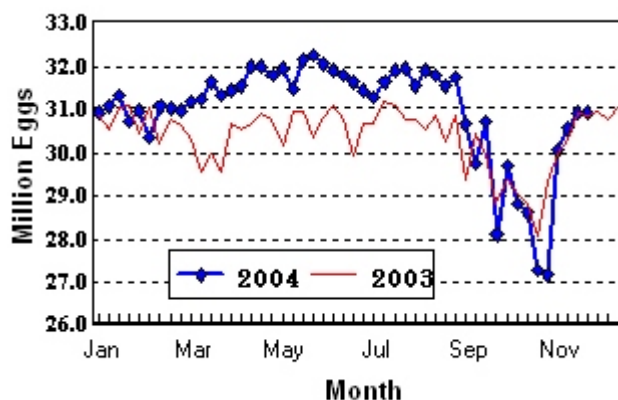
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 4, 2004, up fractionally from the same period last year, but down slightly from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 30	23,060	23,732	103	24,292	24,573	101	28,042	27,242	97
Nov. 6	23,263	22,634	97	24,131	23,869	99	29,304	27,142	93
Nov. 13	23,410	23,357	100	23,971	23,693	99	29,978	30,052	100
Nov. 20	22,777	22,691	100	23,123	22,636	98	30,312	30,578	101
Nov. 27	23,461	20,983	89	24,188	22,520	93	30,923	30,922	100
Dec. 4	22,866	24,558	107	24,832	24,837	100	30,882	30,902	100

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec		30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	
Alabama	28,892 *	28,956	29,233	29,704	101	20,203	20,375	19,177	20,257	20,715	20,604	94
ARKANSAS	30,052 *	30,578	30,922 *	30,902	100	23,732	22,634	23,357	22,691	20,983 *	24,558	107
Delaware	3,464	3,574 *	3,815	3,467	91	5,463	5,557	5,483	4,295 *	5,125 *	5,457	112
Florida	1,337 *	1,338	1,339 *	1,339	99	1,563	1,495	1,615	1,492	1,354	1,639	100
Georgia	33,290 *	31,549	33,789 *	33,127	101	25,818	25,097	24,802	25,011	26,718	26,637	107
Kentucky	6,977	7,169	7,014	7,036	105	5,947	4,853	5,222	5,562	5,858 *	5,824	106
Louisiana	3,984	3,984	3,979	3,984	104	3,578	3,418	3,385	3,752	4,208	3,821	99
Maryland	8,416	8,554 *	8,736 *	8,753	100	4,728	4,402	4,454	6,049 *	5,417 *	4,457	84
Mississippi	19,043 *	19,312	19,540	19,249	100	16,567	16,207	16,357	15,402	16,631	16,887	107
N. Carolina	18,350 *	17,845	17,451	17,725	109	13,216	13,811	14,239	14,743	14,317	14,867	102
Oklahoma	6,639 *	6,648	6,593 *	6,503	102	4,749	5,459 *	4,719 *	4,250	4,956	4,423	76
Pennsylvania	3,758	3,892 *	3,673 *	3,604	95	2,803	2,633	2,731	2,934 *	2,818 *	2,789	105
S. Carolina	4,542	4,407	4,559	4,555	120	4,538	3,897	3,530	4,112	3,664	4,267	100
Texas	14,386 *	14,822 *	14,487 *	14,980	106	12,356	11,512 *	10,967	12,114 *	12,427 *	12,074	100
Virginia	6,330	6,355	6,499	6,398	99	5,103	5,028	5,113	4,759	4,913	5,561	96
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,186	17,468 *	18,016 *	17,305	101	15,584	15,632 *	16,059 *	15,624 *	16,578 *	17,152	108
Total 2004	207,646 *	206,451 *	209,645 *	208,631		165,948	162,010 *	161,210 *	163,047 *	166,682 *	171,017	
Total 2003	205,395	204,537	208,986	204,662		160,094	153,618	155,123	156,626	164,561	167,566	
%Prev. Year	101	101	100	102		104	105	104	104	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004-2005						18-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending December 4, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 4, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through December 4, 2004 were 8.20 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.